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Ex parte ROBERT A. FABBIO,  
ANNE G. LEONARD,  
and CONRAD W. SCHNEIKER

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Appeal No. 94-1648  
Application 07/352,530<sup>1</sup>

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ORDER REMANDING TO THE EXAMINER

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Before BARRETT, FLEMING, and LEE, Administrative Patent Judges.  
BARRETT, Administrative Patent Judge.

On consideration of the record, we note that this appeal includes a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 involving the statutory nature of a computer-related claim recited in means-plus-function language under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. The evaluation of claim 27 could possibly be affected by the Examination Guidelines for Claims Reciting a Means or Step Plus Function Limitation In Accordance With

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<sup>1</sup> Application for patent filed May 15, 1989, entitled "Object Database-Driven Interactive Shell for a Data Processing System."



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